drop the seventeen police cases pending against 373 students of the University in connection with the May 1983 incident at the campus;

(b) whether Government propose to drop all the cases; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under consideration of the Delhi Administration and a decision is likely to be taken shortly.

Extremist activities of N.S.C.N.

335. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the insurgents operating in the Naga areas of Burma and India border under the banner of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) have entered into agreements with a number of extremist groups active in North East India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government are taking to curb such extremist activities of the NSCN;

(d) whether Government propose to take up the matter with the Government of Burma so that they do not get shelter there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Government is aware of a link up between the National Socialist Council of Nagaland and some extremist groups in the North East.

(c) Government have taken measures to tighten security on the international border. Strict vigil on the trans-border movement of extremists is being exercised and local intelligence is being strengthened.

(d) and (e) The Government are in touch with the Burmese Government in the matter.

In-House Research and Development Units in public sector

336. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the acknowledged capabilities existing in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, the public sector enterprises had gone ahead to establish large in-house research and development units;

(b) whether such infrastructures have opened up channels for collaboration between CSIR and the public sector enterprises; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, SPACE AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) In establishing large in-house R&D Units in the public sector enterprises due note is taken of the capabilities existing in the CSIR.

(b) and (c) The establishment of the in-house units has enabled the

identification of areas of technology improvement as well as the needs for upgradation of technology and diversification within the framework of planned development.

There is a close co-operation between the public sector R&D units and CSIR Laboratories. Many services are rendered by the laboratories using their expertise and facilities; public sector units are sponsoring research projects in the laboratories. To facilitate coordination, Secretaries in the Ministries and scientists of in-house R&D units have been associated as Chairmen and Members of the Research Advisory Councils to CSIR Laboratories, these Councils are responsible for identification, planning and monitoring of research projects, In addition, Directors and senior scientists of laboratories are members of the Scientific Advisory Councils of the Ministries and of the Board of Directors of some public sector corporations. Scientists of national laboratories are also working as Consultants to public sector undertakings. In many Working Groups of the Ministries constituted for the Seventh Plan, scientists of the CSIR Laboratories have been associated as Members. In the Planning and research and in the use of research results there is very good interaction between CSIR laboratories and the in-house R&D units of public sector undertakings.

Utilization of technology developed by CSIR

337. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether public sector enterprises are using the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research technology for the industrial production;

(b) if so, what is the percentage utilization of the said technology in the total industrial production;

(c) whether any proposal for improvement in contribution of the CSIR technology is under the consideration of Government with a view to develop a mechanism for greater involvement of its design, engineering and consultancy groups for efficient methods of technology transfer;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On an average over ten per cent of the total number of CSIR processes which go into production for the first time are in the Public Sector.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Ministries|Departments having major Public Sector enterprises have set-up Standing Scientific Research Committees including membership from CSIR, to plan, programme, budget and oversee the implementation of S&T efforts of that Ministry| Deparment. These Committees would also decide on the development of prototypes and undertaking pilot plant studies by involving design engineering and consultancy groups wherever necessary.

(e) Does not arise.